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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

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- 1. DR. ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR., FIRST ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NEWLY CREATED U.S. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ERDA) WILL SERVE AS U.S. CHAIRMAN OF JOINT NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE UNDER U.S./IRANIAN JOINT COMMISSION. BELIEVE THIS FULLY RESPONDS TO GOI'S EXPRESSED CONCERN ON LEVEL OF U.S. COUNTERPART FOR DR. ETEMAD.
- 2. DR. SEAMANS HAS BEEN SWORN IN JUST THIS WEEK AND ERDA IS IN VERY FIRST STAGES OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NUMEROUS SENIOR POSITIONS STILL TO BE FILLED. IT WILL THEREFORE NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR DR. SEAMANS TO LEAVE U.S. IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IN DESIRE TO RESPOND TO GOI'S DESIRE FOR FIRST MEETING OF NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE TO TAKE PLACE IN TEHRAN BEFORE JAN 25, DR. SEAMANS HAS ASKED DR. DIXY LEE RAY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEAD U.S. DELEGATION FOR MEETING IN TEHRAN WHICH WE PROPOSE

FOR JAN 22-23, WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING TO JAN 24 IF NECESSARY. AS YOU KNOW, DR. RAY IS OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF USAEC AND EXPECTS TO BE SWORN IN SHORTLY AFTER MID-JANUARY AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. AS YOU WILL RECALL DR. RAY LED ATOMIC ENERGY TEAM TO

TEHRAN FOR DISCUSSIONS AT SHAH'S REQUEST LAST MAY. DR. SEAMANS HAS ALSO ASKED DR. ABRAHAM S. FRIEDMAN TO REPRESENT ERDA AT THE JAN 22-23 MEETINGS AS MEMBER OF U.S. COMMITTEE. (DR. FRIEDMAN ACCOMPANIED DR. RAY TO MAY 74 MEETINGS IN TEHRAN.) YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED CONCERNING OTHER U.S. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AT LATER DATE.

3. WE HAVE NOTED GOI'S REQUEST THAT IT RECEIVE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF COMMITTEE MEETING. WE ANTICIPATE VERY EARLY APPROVAL TO SUBMIT DRAFT AGREEMENT FORMALLY TO GOI. MEANWHILE, WE WILL AIRPOUCH COPIES OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO EMBASSY (ATTN: SCI ATT) FOR HOLDING BY EMBASSY UNTIL WE AUTHORIZE YOU OFFICIALLY TO TRANSMIT TO GOI. (IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOT DELIVER COPIES OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO GOI UNTIL OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT.) WE ARE

CONFIDENT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PASS COPY TO GOI MORE THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE JAN 22.

- 4. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED GOI SUGGESTION THAT WE ARRANGE FOR RESPONSIBLE BECHTEL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE PRESENT IN TEHRAN DURING TIME OF COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION ON IRANIAN ENRICHMENT PLANT. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH BECHTEL AND URGE THAT IT MAKE REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- 5. SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING ASAP GOI'S ACCEPTANCE OF JAN 22-23 DATES FOR FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. KISSINGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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